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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Nos. 1996P-0418, 1997P-0197, 1998P-0203, and 2000N-050 and
RIN number 0910-AC14

To whom it may concern:

We write urging you prohibit the forced molting of factory hens.
Not only is this practice cruel to the birds, but it also weakens their
immune systems, making them more susceptible to salmonella enteriditis
(SE), a bacterium responsible for sickening hundreds of thousands of people
and causing scores of deaths.

Sincerely,

S. M. Bancroft
Director

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